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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 767
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Randall Hutto and the Lebanon High School boys' basketball team on reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association semifinal round of the state playoffs.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute those outstanding athletic teams whose accomplishments are a source of pride for their school and community; and

WHEREAS, the 1999-2000 Lebanon High School boys' basketball team, which reached the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Tournament semifinal round for the first time in school history, is clearly one such talented and deserving squad; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Devils won the coveted Region 4 AAA Tournament title with a sterling 52-48 victory over a competitive Murfreesboro Riverdale squad; and

WHEREAS, they also defeated Murfreesboro Oakland by an impressive 52-44 margin to finish as runners-up in the Mid-East Sectional Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, at the fabled T.S.S.A.A. State Tournament, the Murphy Center crowd rocked as Lebanon sent the Mid-State Sectional Tournament champion Antioch Bears, a 30-game winner, into hibernation, 64-52; and

WHEREAS, they completed their memorable season with a superb 27-9 record; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Devils awesome offense averaged 61.8 points per game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Randall Hutto has once again demonstrated why he is one of the most highly regarded high school coaches in the game; and

WHEREAS, his able Assistant Coaches were Troy Bond, Doug Keil, Matt Bradshaw, and Jason Welch; and

WHEREAS, each of the team's senior players, including Jim McDowell, Andrew Taylor, Jeremiah Wiser, and John Gregorey displayed tremendous leadership throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were Daniel Easterly (average points per game 15.8, rebounds per game 7.2 and blocked shots per game 1.1), Matt Vaughn (assists per game 3.3), Malcom Manier (steals per game 1.8), and Chad Lanning (36 three-pointers), and Andrew Taylor (who drew 17 charges); and

WHEREAS, other members of the team were David Deffendall, Kyle Shaffer, Trevor Lee, Brent Clemmons, Chris Arnold, Reco Abston, Nathan Hoffmeister, Justin Armstrong, Michael Thomas, Kevin Whited, Reese Davis, and Cedrick Hall, each of whom contributed to the team's overall success this season; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated and hard-working staff included Trainer Kevin Wolf, Student Trainer Brandon Saunders, Statistician Enola Jewell, Student Coach John Gregory, Manager Alex Hutto, and Filmer Tim Music; and

WHEREAS, Principal Steve Maloan, Athletic Director Melvin Daniels, and Assistant Principals Steve Johnson and Cathy Toombs were extremely supportive of the team's efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to join the citizens of Lebanon in commending this exemplary team on their great season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Randall Hutto and the 1999-2000 Lebanon High School boys' basketball team on a marvelous season and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.